

## ABSTRACT

5       The present invention enables an inter-network to provide  
enhanced conferencing services (such as, for example, multiple  
discussions, whispering and filtering) which includes one or more  
conference networks coupled to a service provider network over a  
10   public Internet, where the service provider network includes  
control features for establishing conferencing sessions. In  
particular, the present invention provides a conferencing (audio  
15   and/or video and/or the like networked conferencing with control  
features supportive of sub-conferencing) technology that  
incorporates enhanced control features (multiple discussions,  
whispering and filtering and the like) in an Internet-based  
20   solution by extending the traditional concept of "room" to  
"table" and "avatar" to organize a conferencing session.

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